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APPENDIX

Changes to Specification:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended paragraph:

[0034] Fundamental structures of the marker 101A, the marker 101B, the marker signal detecting unit 301, the marker position detecting unit 302, and the marker ID detecting unit 304 are realized in similar structures disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,136,125, and commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/636,818, 09/636,892, 09/659,754, 09/628,724, 09/634,322, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.